

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 5 as shown below:*

Finally, the entire electroluminescent lamp of the present invention including the substrate may be optionally coated by the process comprising:

- 1) applying a clear-coat composition to the electroluminescent active lamp of the present invention wherein the clear-coat composition is capable of being cured into ~~the dielectric coating~~ a clear-coat coating when irradiated with UV light; and
- 2) curing the clear-coat composition applied to the electroluminescent lamp with UV light for a sufficient time to form the clear-coat coating.

The only requirement of the clear-coat coating is that it transmits light and be capable of protecting the electroluminescent lamp from environmental degradation. Preferably, the clear-coat layer will transmit at least 20% visible light and more preferably at least 50% visible light. Preferably, the clear-coat layer will be from 0.3 to 5.0 mil thick and more preferably from 0.5 to 1.0 mil thick.